

Application No.: 10/719959

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Amendments to the Specification:

Please amend the specification as follows:

On page 2, please replace the paragraph that starts on line 3 and ends on line 13 with the following amended paragraph (change being made to line 10):

To properly utilize the efficiency and accuracy of injection-molding technology, designers have sought to encompass as much detail as possible in the molded part so that the whole rigid structural insert can be manufactured in one step. The result therefore often involves complex tooling that is difficult to maintain and operate, especially when used in remote facilities that do not have access to well-trained technical resources. Thus, the higher tolerance requirements for certain portions of the rigid inserts can limit both the design and the production of the whole insert when made using conventional, single-stage, injection-molded technologies. Additionally, when a change to a feature in the facepiece insert is needed, such as a different filter mount, a whole new mold must be provided to make the change. That is, a separate mold must be furnished for the whole nosepiece and not simply for a portion of it.

On page 3, please replace the paragraph that starts on line 17 and ends on line 19 with the following amended paragraph:

"compliant face contacting member" means the portion of a mask body that engages the facepiece insert directly or otherwise and is compliantly fashioned for ~~allowing making contact with a person's face to allow~~ the mask body to be comfortably supported over a person's nose and mouth.

On page 3, please replace the paragraph that starts on line 25 and ends on line 26 with the following amended paragraph:

"facepiece insert" means a rigid element(s) that is fashioned to form part of the mask body but is made separate from the compliant face contacting member to provide ~~provides~~ structural integrity to a facemask the mask body to allow filtration elements and/or valves to be adequately secured thereto;